

SOUNDSIDE LEARNING

THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND

COMING UP AT CORE SOUND

- Parlor Talks: June 30, July 7, July 14
- Core Sound Shrimp Fry, July 9
- Core Sound Experience Camp, July 12-14

Education Returns to Core Sound

Last week marked the completion of the first annual Core Sound Marine Science Academy. This year's inaugural group of students spent a week traversing the county, being exposed to a wide array of educational experiences in the marine science field from squid dissections and boat building mathematics to drone piloting and living-shoreline conservation.

At each stop along the way our students were welcomed by area professionals including marine scientists, boat builders, and fishmongers who introduced these young men and women to the opportunities that await them in the diverse world of marine science, right here in Carteret County!

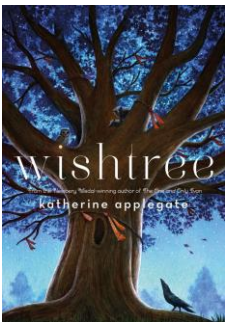


Art Days began last Thursday at the museum with an all-day photography workshop. Students were taught basic photo composition guidelines and practiced what they learned throughout the day exploring the museum inside and out. At the end of the day, students selected photos they would soon paint alongside our visiting artists.

Students met at 806 Friday morning for a day filled with painting instruction led by the Carolina Arts Collaborative artists. After sketching and planning, students painted their images on canvases that went home with them. Creativity abounded and proved rewarding for both teachers and students.



Sound Reading Material For You & Your Child



Wish Tree

By Katherine Applegate

Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood "wish tree." People write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red's branches. Along with a crow named Bongo and other animals who seek refuge in Red's hollows, this oak watches over the neighborhood. You might say Red has seen it all. Until a new family moves in ...

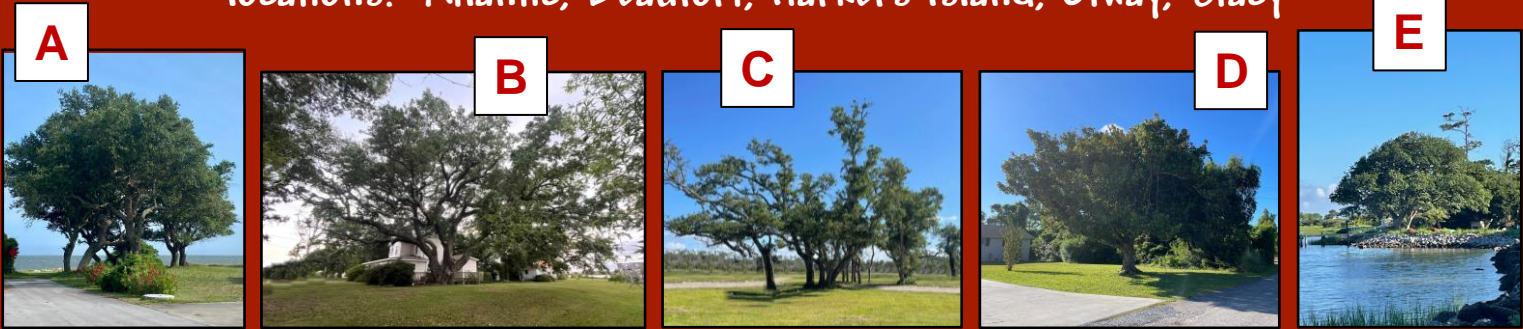
Grade Level: 4-6
Pages: 224

Our Local Oaks

Some of the most striking natives of Core Sound are the many mighty oaks. As early as 1556, the Spanish identified the uniqueness of the Southern Live Oak, *Quercus virginiana*, and felt that it represented a great deal of wealth for the shipbuilding industry. These trees were used extensively in the European and United States navies and in the commercial shipbuilding industry through the 1850s. In fact, great numbers of the large live oaks that exist today are stump sprouts from live oak trees harvested in the first half of the 19th century.

Unlike most oak trees, which are deciduous, live oaks are nearly evergreen. They replace their leaves over a short period of several weeks in the spring. During this time, the leaves turn brown and fall to the ground. Don't worry, within a few short days fresh new green leaves emerge. Live oaks and their acorns provide a lifeline to local wildlife. Various birds use them for shelter and nesting while others use the moss that frequently hangs from the branches to construct their nests. The acorns provide food for birds and mammals, including squirrels, black bears, and deer.

Do you know where I grow? Match the following photos of local oaks with their locations: Atlantic, Beaufort, Harkers Island, Otway, Stacy



The oak is cherished as a symbol of wisdom, strength and endurance. Each coastal oak is masterfully shaped by the salty, coastal winds. The enchantment of these trees goes far beyond their history and science, however. Oaks are a pillar for Core Sounders who grew up alongside them, just as their ancestors did. Here are a few things I've learned through my years spent with our majestic oaks ... *A true sign of spring is the smell of burning oak leaves mixed with warming salt air. Oak limbs create the perfect jungle gym for kids to climb (and then their kids, and then their kids). The secret ingredient for the BEST oyster roast is burning old, dry oak limbs and throwing oyster clusters directly atop. Raking out the oysters once mouths open proves to be a delicacy every time.*

“The acorn does not know that it will become a sapling. The sapling does not remember when it was an acorn ... The oak recalls fondly when it was a sapling, loves being a mighty oak, and joyfully creates new acorns.” — J. Earp

Local Oaks Matching Answers: (A) Atlantic (photo taken by Jodi Dickinson Morris), (B) Harkers Island, (C) Stacy (photo taken by Laura Harris Satter), (D) Beaufort, (E) Otway